



Picture-Assisted Reading Life Skills Curriculum with **PixWriter™**

Students in a Life Skills curriculum can write with **PixWriter**:

- ☒ Organizational: schedules, to do lists, shopping lists
- ☒ Social Interaction: email, invitations, thank you letters, notes
- ☒ Directions: task steps, recipes
- ☒ Personal writing: journals, stories
- ☒ Environmental: labels, signs
- ☒ Work Training: announcements, newsletters, forms

NOTE: All examples shown are Macintosh. Follow the same steps on Windows.

PixWriter: Make a Word Bank, Writing Options, Scaffolds, and Keys to Use

Make a Word Bank:

1. Enter a word and press space.
2. Target any words or phrases.
3. Optional: Move buttons to organize.
4. Optional: Color button borders

Students Write with PixWriter:







1. Click buttons in the word bank with a mouse, joystick, touch screen or use scanning; single and two switch.
2. The keyboard is always active. Students can use the keyboard and use the word bank.

PixWriter Scaffolds:

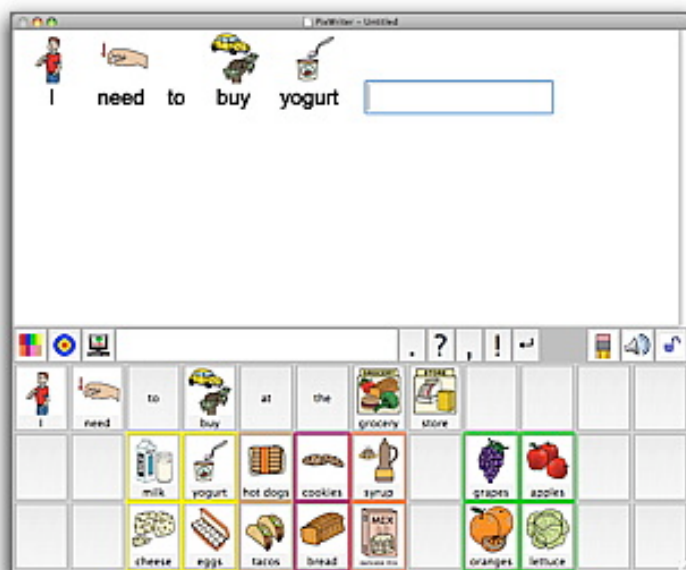
1. Organize buttons: [shift] + drag to position
 - left-to-right sequence
 - top-to-bottom placement
 - group by category or function
2. Color button borders [alt/option+click]

Emerging and Beginning Writer Strategies

1. Use 4 or 16 button word bank.
2. Put short sentences or phrases on buttons using Target Word. Include capital letter and punctuation.

	Function	Keys to Use
	Delete Button	Control + Click button
	Move Button	Shift + Drag button
	Duplicate Button	Shift + Click button
	Select Border Color	Alt/Option + Click Color
	Color Button Border	Alt/Option + Click button
	Remove Border Color	Shift + Alt/Option + Click

PixWriter: Lists, Schedules, Appointments



Lists

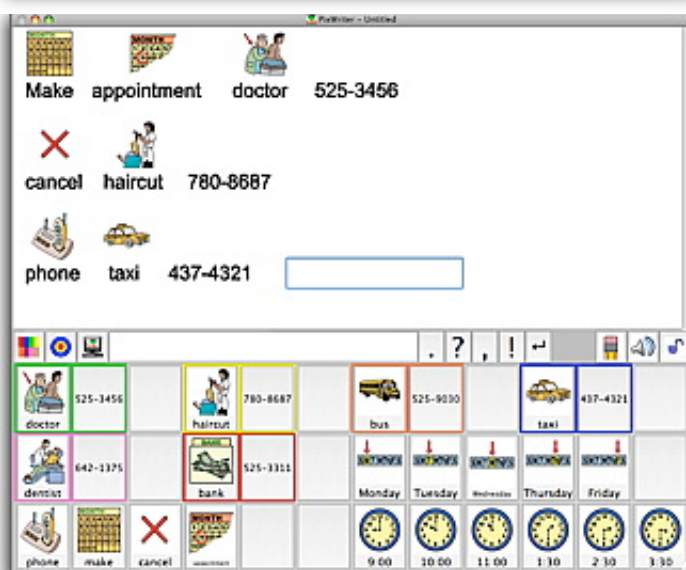
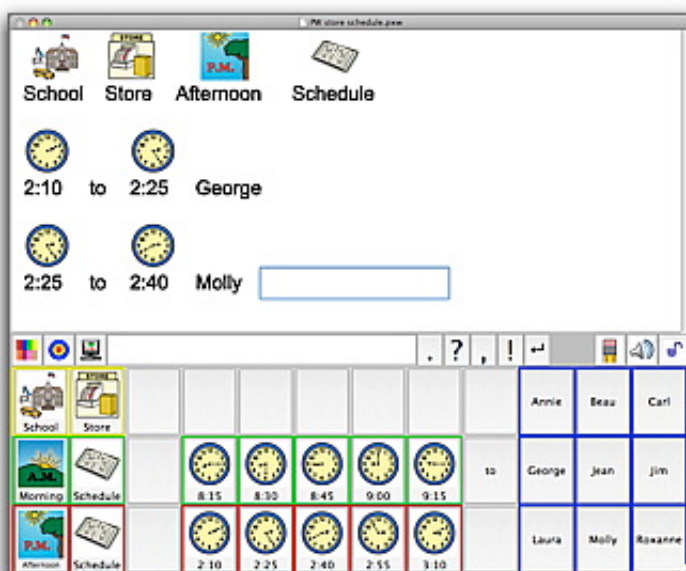
Students write shopping lists, to do lists, reminders.

Schedules, Appointments

Students write schedules for school store, class schedules, game times. Students write their appointments, complete with phone numbers.

Clocks: enter time #:##

Note: PixWriter 3.0 has clocks for every 5 minutes.



PixWriter: Work Training, Jobs



Announcements and Reminders

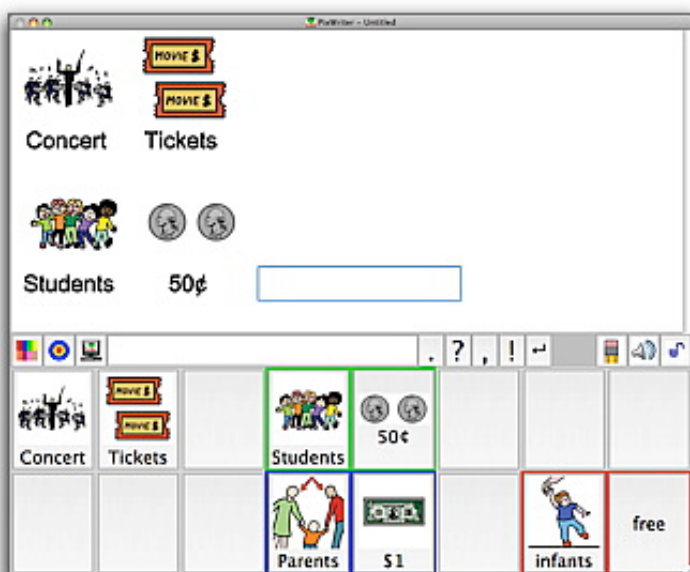
Students write announcements for the school store, sporting events, pep rallies, concerts, field trips, etc.

Signs

Students make signs for the school store, class elections, fund raisers, cafeteria, etc.

Forms, Inventories

Students write attendance reports, laundry count, election results, take inventory, etc.



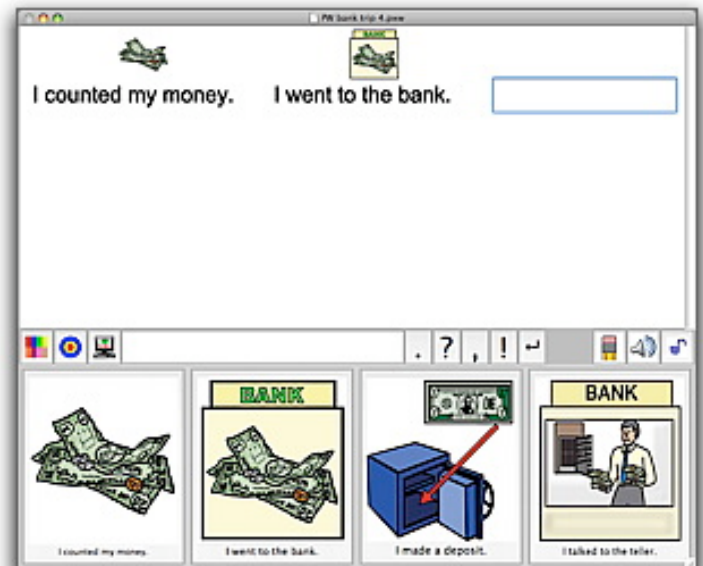
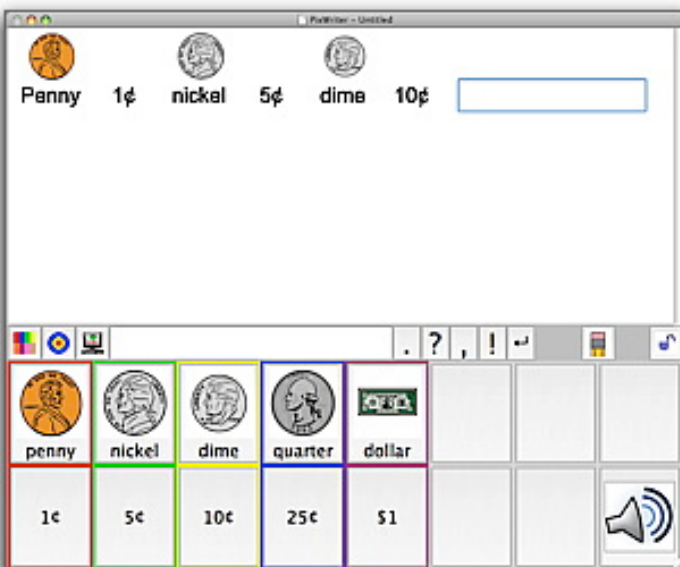
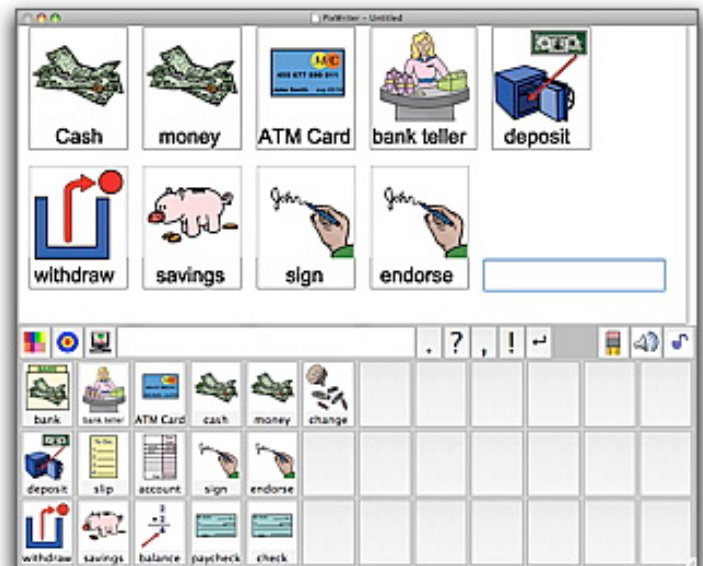
PixWriter: Writing Around an Event

Writing helps students prepare for an event

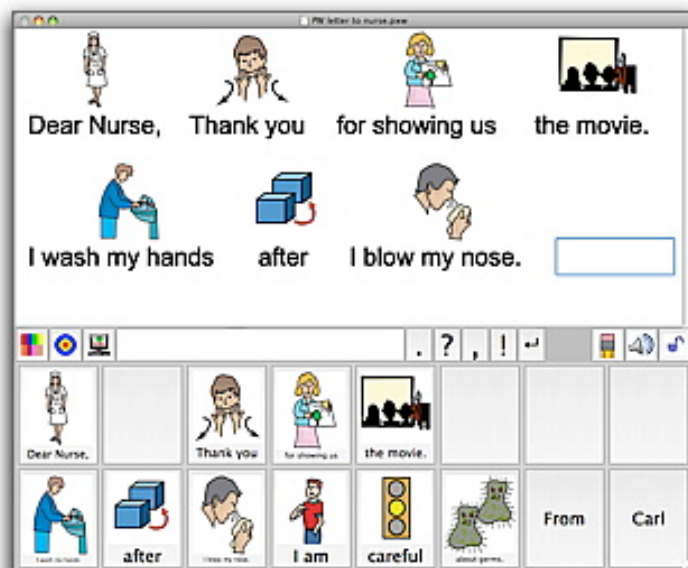
- Students learn vocabulary. Use PixCards for simple PECS or practice cards.
- Students practice money identification and counting. Click the large Speak button to listen over and over again.
- Students practice writing and rereading scripts of things they will say.
- Students work on “First...Then” sequencing.

Field Trip Review

Students write about the trip in their journals using sentences, phrases or individual words.



PixWriter: Letters, Invitations, Notes, Recipes, Emails



Writing for Social Interaction

- Students write invitations to class parties, concerts, parent-teacher nights, etc.
- Students share their favorite recipes and directions to make art projects.
- * Thank you letters to the school nurse, class visitors, friends and parents.
- * Students make name tags for parties, open house, visitors using PixCards.

Reading and Writing Email

- Read - copy email text and paste into Phrase Box in the tool bar. Click Get Pictures Button.
- Write email message in PixWriter. Then Copy All Text and paste in body of email.

